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Dear Parents/Carers,

On Government advice we have had to close our school from today to the majority of children. We are sorry that this action has become necessary but we must do our part to protect everyone and try to overcome the spread of Coronavirus.

We have written a letter to your children. Please share this with them. It gives them a little information about why we have closed and makes clear that learning during this time is essential. With learning time in school lost, we are relying on families to carry out the work we can set so your children keep learning during this period. Our main communication with families will be via email for school related information and via Tapestry for daily learning for children. We have also been able to produce a small number of paper-based tasks and sent these home for completion during the closure period.

Each day of the school closure until Easter, your child's class teacher will set several activities via Tapestry. There will always be at least one Phonic and/or English task, one Maths task and one task from another subject such as History or Art. We will aim to provide a balance of tasks between those that are practical and those that require greater focus; those that can be completed independently and those that can be done with a family member; those that support revision and those that are more challenging with new learning. Some tasks may be set for whole year groups, while others may be for classes or groups within classes. If there is something that your child does not understand or you have questions about the tasks set, the teachers will do their best to reply via Tapestry within usual school hours.

We know that learning in this way is not ideal and we cannot try to replicate the support and challenge that children are able to receive in school. However, we aim to do our very best in these difficult circumstances and thank you for your support.

For additional learning beyond the tasks set on Tapestry, please continue to read regularly using real or online books and make use of the apps which the school purchases for all children:

Espresso

<https://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/>

Learning videos and activities for all subject areas for each Key Stage (including e-books)

Your child's login is: inside your child's reading record





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Mathseeds

<https://mathseeds.co.uk/>

Maths videos and games set at your child's level

Your child's login is: inside your child's reading record

Purple Mash

<https://www.purplemash.com/login/>

A range of computer based learning activities including coding and graphic design

Your child's login is: inside your child's reading record

Providing and supporting learning in this way is a first for most schools. We cannot provide the lessons that we would within the classroom, but we hope that with your support, we can do the best we can for your children at this time.

We know that this will be a challenging time for everyone. Some families will be more able to manage than others depending on the support they have from family, friends, employers and other people in their lives. Please look out for each other where possible and as always, if you think a child may be at risk, please call 0344 800 8020 for advice or to share a concern.

Please continue to check your e-mails/our website/face book for updates and other information from the school.

Wishing you all good health and hoping to see you all again very soon,

Ms Jordan

Headteacher

P.S. You may also find the following websites fun and great time-fillers!

Ted Ed

<https://ed.ted.com>

All sorts of engaging educational videos

National Geographic Kids

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

Activities and quizzes





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Duolingo

<https://www.duolingo.com>

Learn languages for free

The Kids Should See This

<https://thekidshouldseethis.com>

Wide range of educational videos

Cbeebies Radio

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio>

Listening activities

Nature Detectives

<https://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/>

Lots can be done in your own garden

British Council

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find>

Resources for English language learning

Oxford Owl for Home

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home>

Lots of free resources

The Imagination Tree

<https://theimaginationtree.com>

Creative art and craft activities

Twinkl

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk>

Mainly for printouts, usually for a fee, but offering a month of free access in the event of school closure

Phonics Play

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.new.phonicsplay.co.uk (best option for access via a phone or tablet

www.phonicsplaycomics.co.uk

Excellent phonics games - now free – login using the details from the home page

